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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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☒ **Small entity status is entitled to be asserted in the above-identified application.**☒ A return postcard.☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for __ month(s) and a check in the amount of \$__ for the required fee.☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (__ pgs); copies of __ applications; 1449 forms (__ pgs); and copies of __ documents cited on the 1449 forms.☐ A check in the amount of \$__, representing __.☐ A certified copy of a __ application, Serial No. __, filed ____, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.☐ Other: __☒ Preliminary Amendment (20 pgs., including Appendix A (9 pgs.))☒ No Additional fee is required. __ The fee has been calculated as shown:

Fee Calculation for Claims Pending After Amendment					
	Pending Claims after Amendment (1)	Claims Paid for Earlier (2)	Number of Additional Claims (1-2)	Cost per Additional Claim	Additional Fees Required
Total Claims	60	61	0	x \$9 =	0
Independent Claims	11	11	0	x \$40 =	0
One or More New Multiple Dependent Claims Presented? If Yes, Add \$135 Here →					0
Total Additional Claim Fees Required					0

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-60, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1.

Please add claims 61-119.

The amended and new claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

1. **(Amended)** A recombinant method for identifying a bioactive peptide comprising:
 - (a) transforming a host cell with an expression vector comprising a tightly regulable control region operably linked to a nucleic acid sequence encoding a peptide;
 - (b) growing the transformed cell under conditions that repress expression of the peptide;